

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 21, 2004

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: DISTRICT 5

**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** **Proclamation to declare April, 2004 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**ITEM BACKGROUND:** This is a yearly proclamation requested by Wesley House Family Services. The proclamation will be accepted by both Joseph Barker, Executive Director, and Rose Stayduhar, Director, Foster-Adoptive Services from Wesley House Family Services.

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**TOTAL COST:** N/A

**BUDGETED:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

  
MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included ☒ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, we know that our children are our most valuable asset; and

WHEREAS, we know that child abuse hurts and that no child is to blame for the abuse; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a national tragedy, taking the lives of children every day and affecting millions of children and families every year; and

WHEREAS, the impact of abuse is greater than its immediate, visible effects and survivors of child abuse and neglect may be at greater risk for problems later in life that affect not just the child and family, but society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is therefore a community problem and preventing child abuse depends on the involvement of all people through Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the key to preventing child abuse and neglect is community support of parents and families so that children can be raised in healthy, competent, productive, caring and nurturing homes; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement and the business community.

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I, Murray E. Nelson, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2004 as

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and I call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, Florida, this 21st day of April, 2004.

*Murray E. Nelson*  
MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON